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The loss of U.S. intelligence stations in Iran will not hurt Soviet monitoring efforts, an official says.

The United States government "can recover adequately" by the end of this year from the loss of those stations formerly used to monitor Soviet missile tests, a defense official said. The official, who asked to remain anonymous, challenged contentions by such critics as Sen. Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) that loss of the CIA-operated stations had done irreparable harm for years to come to U.S. ability to monitor Soviet strategic weapons development. "To my mind, it is not a fatal loss," the official said.